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Hawkins House  
Purdum, Maryland  
Private

c. 1905-1910

A plain log house with one room down and one room up and of an unknown date of construction, stood here and was replaced in the early 1900's by a larger frame house with two rooms down and two up. This is in keeping with the trend in housing for many rural Black families in Maryland. The owners of the house continue with some of the traditional folkways of the historical community, such as hog butchering.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC Hawkins House

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER East side of Burnt Hills Road

CITY, TOWN

Purdum

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

8

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Montgomery

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

**CATEGORY**

—DISTRICT

—BUILDING(S)

☒STRUCTURE

—SITE

—OBJECT

**OWNERSHIP**

—PUBLIC

☒PRIVATE

—BOTH

**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**

—IN PROCESS

—BEING CONSIDERED

No

**STATUS**

☒OCCUPIED

—UNOCCUPIED

—WORK IN PROGRESS

**ACCESSIBLE**

☒YES: RESTRICTED

—YES: UNRESTRICTED

—NO

**PRESENT USE**

—AGRICULTURE

—COMMERCIAL

—EDUCATIONAL

—ENTERTAINMENT

—GOVERNMENT

—INDUSTRIAL

—MILITARY

—MUSEUM

—PARK

☒PRIVATE RESIDENCE

—RELIGIOUS

—SCIENTIFIC

—TRANSPORTATION

—OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME E.A. Hawkins

Telephone #: 253-2423

STREET & NUMBER

Burnt Hills Road

CITY, TOWN

Clarksburg

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 20734

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

Registry of Deeds

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

None

DATE

—FEDERAL —STATE —COUNTY —LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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**CONDITION**

☐ EXCELLENT  
☒ GOOD  
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

☐ UNALTERED  
☒ ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

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This site had two houses: a log house and a two story frame house. The latter still stands, but the former has been torn down. According to the two sons of the family, the log house was on the property when their father purchased it, and they do not know how old it was. Their father had the frame house built in the early 1900's, probably c. 1905-1910. Both sons were born in the log dwelling.

According to them, it contained one large room down and one up. It contained windows, not wooden shutters, and was heated by a wood burning stove. There was no fireplace in chimney. Instead, there was only a stove flue. The logs were left bare and chinked with rocks and mud daubing. In general appearance, it resembled the log house of the Lyles family in nearby Lewisdale, Md., an old photograph of which has been copied as part of this survey. However, this log house was better chinked than that one.

The frame house is of a simple, straightforward design. Its weatherboards are painted white, and its rectangular form with gable roof give a clean-cut appearance to the house. There is no porch, front or back. The facade consists of the typical three bays: a door centrally located with a window flanking each side. The windows contain double hung sashes with two over two lights. There are no decorative frills.

In plan, the house consists of two rooms down and two up.

The environs of the house have now grown up in weeds and underbrush but the two sons recall that in earlier years, the space behind the house had outbuildings, a garden, orchard, vegetable kilns, a stable, and other animal shelters and pens.

For informative, lively descriptions of the life of the Hawkins family while they lived here, read the transcription of the oral interview with the two sons, which is enclosed in this survey.

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**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

c. 1925-1940

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

The two houses on this site follow the trend of **housing** in the late 19th century for Black families: the small log house being replaced by the larger frame house. Whereas the log house contained only two rooms for the entire family, the frame house had four, doubling the amount of space and increasing the amount of individual and group privacy within the household.

As the two sons recall, much of life was lived outside, and in the oral interview they describe the lay-out of the farm and some of the daily activities of the family. Among the more important aspects of history that they describe are the activities of their mother, who was a midwife; the day's chores for a boy on this farm; and their favorite recollections of each parent which illustrate their strong love for them, and the bonds within rural black families. Arnold and Joe Hawkins are important informants, and should be consulted for further histories in Montgomery County. They and their friends continue to butcher hogs on the Hawkins place, and this could be recorded as part of a survey of folkways.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Land Records, Montgomery County Courthouse, Rockville, Md.

Oral interview, taped, with Arnold and Joe Hawkins, Arthur Randolph, Ethel Foreman; Clarksburg, Md., January 4, 1979 by George McDaniel.

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

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CITY OR TOWN

Dickerson

STATE

Maryland 20753

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Hawkins Family House

Facade: West by the

Pondrum, md.

1879 for Davis

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copy of photograph

Joseph Franklin Hawkins

Purdum, Ind.

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Joe Davis

1/79



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Hog Butchering pots  
Purdum, MO.

Joe Davis 1/79